

Lake~Sumter MPO - April 2024 MPO Governing Board Meeting

Please register for Lake~Sumter MPO - April 2024 MPO Governing Board Meeting on Apr 24, 2024, 2:00 PM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2303302474255412319>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

2 p.m. Call to Order by the Chair

- A. Invocation / Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Proper Noticing
- C. Roll Call – Determination of Quorum
- D. Chair’s Announcements
- E. Proposed revisions to today’s Agenda.

I. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT *(on agenda or general comments)*

At this point in the meeting the Board will hear questions, comments, and concerns from the citizens. If the issue raised is not on today’s agenda, action will not be taken by the Board at this meeting. Questions may be answered by staff or referred for appropriate staff action. If further action is necessary, the item may be placed on a future Governing Board agenda. Public comment shall be limited to three minutes per person.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent approval is requested of the following items:

- A. **Consideration to approve, [February 28,2024, MPO Governing Board Meeting Minutes](#)**
- B. **Consideration of Approval of the [FDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2026, Authorizing Execution by Executive Director.](#)**
- C. **Consideration of Approval for the [Financial Report](#) as presented by Milestone Professional Services.**
- D. **Approval of Resolution 2024-01 approving the FY 2025-2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).** Developed every two years and updated annually to identify target goals and objectives to be accomplished by Lake~Sumter MPO staff and consultants, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) serves as the MPO biannual budget. The UPWP describes work elements to be performed, indicating local agency work participation and sources of funding. You can review the current DRAFT UPWP here: [DRAFT FY 2025-2026 UPWP](#).
- E. **Approval of Resolution 2024-2 approving the Lake-Sumter MPO 2024 Updates to the Title VI Program & Limited English Proficiency Plan.** The purpose of a Title VI Program is to establish guidelines to effectively monitor and ensure that an agency follows all Title VI, Environmental Justice, Justice40, and LEP access requirements.

Attachments: [Title VI & LEP Memo](#), [Title VI and LEP Slide deck](#), [Title VI Program Update](#), [LEP Plan Update](#)

- F. **Approval to Open the public review period for the 2024 Public Participation Plan (PPP) update.** The Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (LSMPO) has created this Public Participation Plan (PPP) to outline the process and expectations for public engagement during the MPO's transportation planning and decision-making activities. Early and continuous involvement of the public audience is an essential part of the LSMPO's efforts to ensure that the outcome of its planning products meet the needs of local communities.

The PPP requires a 45 day public review period, the DRAFT PPP will be presented to the Board at the June 19, 2024, regular meeting for final review and approval.

Attachments: [DRAFT Lake~Sumter MPO Public Participation Plan](#)

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. **Lake~Sumter MPO and the University of Central Florida – Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) federal grant award presentation.** The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Over \$3 billion is still available for future funding rounds. The MPO partnered with UCF and were successful in receiving a FY 2023 SS4A grant award of \$680k.

Presented by Natalia Barbour, Ph.D., Assistant Professor | Transportation and Smart Cities, Civil, Environmental and Construction Engineering, University of Central Florida and Mohamed Abdel-Aty, Trustee Chair, Pegasus Professor, College of Engineering and Computer Science

[Safe Streets and Roads for All Website](#)

[Smart & Safe Transportation Lab](#)

- B. **DRAFT 2024 List of Priority Projects**

The annual LOPP is critical to development of FDOT's Five-Year Work Program and LSMPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Each year, LSMPO prepares a TIP with highway, bicycle/pedestrian, and other transportation-related projects that are programmed for funding over the next five years. This process starts with development of the LOPP which consists of projects that have not yet been programmed but are considered the highest unfunded priorities. The LOPP serves as a bridge between long range planning and project programming in the TIP and Work Program. Projects in the LOPP are the highest unfunded priorities within the MPO's planning area.

After a Top 20 project has been fully funded in the TIP through construction, it is removed from the LOPP, which allows other projects to be added or advanced in priority. A project in the LOPP can be ranked higher and advanced more quickly if additional funds from local governments or other sources are utilized.

The DRAFT is presented for you review and comment, the Final 2024 LOPP will be presented for final approval at the regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting on June 19, 2024.

Attachments: [2024 LOPP Presentation](#)

C. Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Strategy

MPO staff developed the Grant Identification and Funding Strategy to identify a draft list of projects that could be considered for Federal Discretionary Grants. The attached draft list has been developed from the adopted TIP, the List of Priority Projects, and adopted budgets or capital improvement plans from the local counties and cities for inclusion within the initial Federal grant screening process. In addition to the list is a corresponding map. MPO Staff and the consultant team are looking for additional project details that will support the candidacy of each project for Federal Discretionary Grant Funding from the IJJA.

[Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Strategy Presentation](#)

Link to a GIS web map that shows projects: [LSMPO Project Grant Screening \(arcgis.com\)](#).

- D. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan – Goals and Objectives and Revenue Forecast.** The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) prepared by the Lake~Sumter MPO and serves as the primary guidance for developing transportation system improvements and additions in the MPO's planning area over the next 25 years. The LRTP is a federally required short- and long-term plan addressing multimodal transportation needs within the MPO's planning area. The plan is required to be updated every five years and must cover a 20-year horizon. The 2050 LRTP is a financially constrained plan that includes projects to best meet the transportation system's identified needs within the limits of projected revenues. It is important that the LRTP accurately reflects transportation needs. It is utilized by local and state planning officials to select projects for inclusion in their capital improvement and work programs. The intent and purpose of an LRTP is to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of a cost-feasible intermodal transportation system that enhances mobility and freight movement. The LRTP considers how projects could affect the transportation system's resiliency and reliability and enhance travel and tourism in the area.

Attachments: [2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives and 2050 Revenue Forecast](#)

[2045 LRTP Goals and Objectives](#)

- E. Heart of Florida Loop Trail.** The Heart of Florida Loop Trail was voted to become the next Regionally Significant Priority Trail for the State of Florida at the recent Florida Greenways and Trails Council meeting this week in Winter Haven, so this should direct significant funding to its completion! The most significant gap is in Marion and Lake County along SR 40, and this section is along publicly owned land so we should be able to complete the trail quickly. The Heart of Florida Loop is already approximately 80% complete, missing only approximately 40 miles of its 280+ mile loop that isn't already programmed and funded, or already constructed. A SUNTrail funding request for the PD & E of this section has been submitted for funding during the current funding cycle.

Attachments: [SUNTrail Regional Trail Network](#), [Heart of Florida Loop Trail Status](#), [SUN Trail Tentative Work Program](#)

IV. REPORTS, PRESENTATIONS, STUDIES

1. *FDOT Report – Chuck Koppernolle*
2. *Florida Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) Report -Siaosi Fine*
3. *Lake County Transit Report*
4. *Legislative Report – Funded member appropriations for FY 2025*

V. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

VI. ADJOURNMENT NEXT MEETING: JUNE 19, 2024 @ 2:00 P.M.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statutes, Section 286.0105, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the above named board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of the proceedings should contact (352) 315- 0170, 48 hours in advance of the meeting.